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Dear Dr. Watson:

I had occasion to send some specimens of *Cyperus* to Dr Britton and included a specimen of *Ariens pumilus* (?) from Ames. He makes a note on the sheet but does not seem to feel certain that it is this species. I send it to you for your opinion. It is common throughout Iowa but the range given for this is much to the eastward. It is one of my catalog plants. I also send you some buds of what I take to be *Xanthium strumarium*. It seems to be rather frequent here at St Louis.

I enclose a few questions with blanks for the answers, that I have been unable to hunt up. I shall be very much obliged if you will keep me on these points.

I expect to start with Prof. Kuntze's party for the West Indies in 10 or 12 days, & am trying to get my catalog ready for the printer before I go.

I enclose postage for the return of the spec. of *Ariens*. Am I right in taking for granted that I can quote you for your opinion ^{on} *Anemone Caroliniana* & that I wrote you about it in the spring? I take pleasure in again thanking you for the many favors you have shown me.
Yours Very Truly
A. S. Hitchcock